



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Accessibility Improvements

**LOCATION:** Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Upgrade existing facilities at Prairie Creek State Park to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and meet requirements in the "California State Parks Accessibility Guidelines". Work will:

At the Big Tree parking lot demolish the old 200 square foot restroom building structure and install new 200 square foot building on the existing concrete foundation.

At the Main Campfire Center:

- Remove a 17' by 18' asphalt parking, excavate to level and pour new concrete parking space.
- Remove 750 sq. ft. of asphalt in the campfire center and add aggregate base (AB) rock to level.
- Remove non-compliant drinking fountain.
- Relocate and modify benches to accommodate wheelchair seating
- Clear vegetation, excavate up to 8", and add AB rock to build a 50' long by 5' wide level path.

At 7 campsites (2 at Gold's Bluff Beach) and surrounding areas (each site is approx. 1000 sq. ft.):

- Remove asphalt 1,400 sq. ft. of asphalt parking areas, level and pour new concrete pads.
- Excavate up to 6" of material from the high to low sides of the campsites to level, and if needed, add up to 6 inches of new rock (approx. 100 cubic yards per site) to achieve a level area.
- Remove the barbeques, food lockers, tables, table anchors, and fire rings, if required, to configure each campsite for ADA access.
- To reinstall: excavate 5 holes up to 24" deep and 6" wide to reinstall the barbeques, holes up to 24" deep and 3" wide to reinstall the food (bear) lockers (4 legs), 1' diameter hole for each duck bill cable table anchor, and a 3' diameter by 9" deep area for the fire rings.
- Excavate up to 4" wide by 6" deep and approx. 1500' long to install redwood borders either to replace and/or add new borders around each campsite.
- Excavate an approx. 4" deep by 10 sq. ft. area to install a concrete pad and excavate up to 30" diameter hole for the water drain well at five existing water stations and adjust station fixtures and heights;

At Gold's Bluff Beach - add aggregate and redwood borders to reconstruct and level approximately 200 linear feet of 5 foot wide pathways and the 50 sq. ft. landing in front of trash bins.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Acquisition and Development

**EXEMPT STATUS:** ☒ Categorical Exemption      Classes: 1, 3, 4      Sections: 15301, 15303, 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels included as "modification of existing facilities for handicap access" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4, the construction and location of limited numbers of new small facilities and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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